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CIA link with UW via 'Share' exposed

Romney White, the University of Waterloo expert on the VM/CMS computer operating systems on campus, has direct connections with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, says UW student Steve Harvey.

Recently Steve Harvey discovered a document in the computer reference room which reveals one of the channels of information between UW and the CIA. The document is entitled "Share 56 - Preliminary Agenda, Houston, Texas, March 8-13, 1981." It is the agenda for the upcoming conference of Share Inc.

Harvey found some very interesting things in the agenda. Share Inc. is an IBM system users' group with its head offices on 111 E. Wacker Drive in Chicago,

Illinois.

The role of the company is to provide IBM users with a means to exchange ideas and latest developments in computer software. Every six months conferences are held of the members to exchange this information and this is where the name "Share" comes from.

Membership is very exclusive because only users of large IBM systems are eligible to join. Therefore, the membership is confined to very large companies, institutions and state agencies. The University of Waterloo and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency are both members.

Harvey also learned that Share Inc. is divided into four divisions each with several

sub-divisions. One division is the "Basic Systems Division" and it has sub-divisions for each kind of operating system.

On page 39 of the preliminary agenda none other than Romney White is listed as the Division Manager for the Basic Systems Division of Share Inc. Within this division there is a sub-division for the VM/370 operating system. This is the operating system used at UW campus. The Project Manager for this sub-division is David Farnham of the Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C. 20505.

Thus, in his capacity as Division Manager for Share Inc. and as the local expert on the VM/370 operating system on UW campus, Romney White "shares" with the CIA and other IBM users information on what the UW computing services is doing.

Last year, Steve Harvey, at that time a part-time employee of UW computing services, disclosed that the university had received a request from the CIA for a C370 compiler which was being upgraded at UW. He made public a letter from the Office of Research and Development of the Central Intelligence Agency to Romney White asking for a copy of the computer program.

Harvey is demanding that the university deny the CIA access to the C370

compiler because he believes that the personnel and facilities of the university should not be used to aid or abet such a criminal and subversive agency. Moreover, he is demanding that the university adopt a code of ethics whereby the university does not co-operate with the CIA, KGB or the secret police of any nation.

Many students, says Harvey, were wondering how the CIA even knew that the UW computing services were working on the C370 compiler. Quite clearly one of the ways is through Share Inc. and the IBM users' group conferences. Harvey estimates that the University of Waterloo has been involved with Share Inc. for at least five years which shows that there is continuous collaboration between the University of Waterloo administration and the CIA and that the

contract for the supply of the C370 compiler is only a part of it.

The UW administration has refused to accede to the demands presented by Steve Harvey but many students are supporting him. They are vehemently opposed to the military and police forces of the United States, the Soviet Union, Canada or their allies using the university personnel, facilities and research for their aggression and repression of the people in any country. Hundreds of students have signed a petition to this effect at UW and the Anti-Imperialist Alliance, the Federation of Students and the UW Peace Society have taken public stands in support of Harvey's demands.

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Dear Mr. White,

Relational Software, Inc., has requested that we notify you of our UNIX licensure in order that they may receive a copy of the "C" compiler for the 370 Series machines. Please find enclosed a copy of this license. Please be advised that we have assigned this license to Relational Software, Inc., during the contractual period. This assignment has been duly registered by telephone with Western Electric Co.

Attachment:
As Stated

cc: L. Ellison
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A copy of the letter from the CIA to UW requesting a computer program.

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The Chevron Club also supports the demands of Steve Harvey. In our editorial on September 25, 1980 we stated that "The Central Intelligence Agency is an enemy of human rights and freedom. It is notorious for organizing bloody coup d'etats around the world to replace democratic and nationalist regimes with fascist dictatorships loyal to American business interests...We students should not co-operate in any way with the CIA, the KGB or any other aggressive and subversive agency."

Steve Harvey plans to pursue the struggle at the next meeting of the Board of Governors on Tuesday, April 7. Many students have already expressed their desire to attend that meeting so that the Board of Governors does not simply file his demands away "for information" like they did at the February 3 meeting.

Steve Johnson